

Remarks/Arguments

Entry of the foregoing amendment to the claims, and consideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

In an office action dated June 9, 2006, restriction was required between two species, including, species I (Figures 1-11) and Species II (Figures 12-22).

Applicant respectfully elects species II, and respectfully submits that Figures 23-27 should be considered as part of species II. The primary difference between species I and species II is that species II discloses extender structure that extends the thickness range of the fluid system covers with which the cap structure can be used.

According to the foregoing amendment, claims 17, 19 and 24 have been amended in a manner intended to read on the elected species II, and applicant respectfully submits that with the foregoing amendment, claims 1-9, and 17 through 30 read on the elected species II (and that claims 1-9 and 17-23 are believed to be generic to species I and species II.). In regard to claims 8, 9, and 21-23, it is respectfully submitted that with the extender structure coupled with the stem and including the coupling structure, the stem effectively includes the coupling structure.

Entry of the foregoing amendment and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the event the examiner feels a further telephone discussion would be useful, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 520-747-0999.

Respectfully submitted,

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